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SYLLABUS OF THE UPDATED COURSE



GENERAL POLITICAL DISCOURSE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (BA LEVEL)

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Summary of the updated course under the umbrella of the MultiEd project # 610427-EPP-1-2019-1-EE-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP	
“General Political Discourse of the English Language”, BA	
V.O. Sukhomlynskyi National University of Mykolaiv	
Master/bachelor level	Bachelor level
Branch of knowledge	014 Secondary Education
Specialization	014.021 "English Language and Literature"
Qualifications	Teacher of foreign languages
Form of education	Full-time
Status of the discipline	Cycle of professional courses. Elective course
Course prerequisites	Practical Course of English, Grammar Categories and Practical Course of English, English Phonetics
Semester of the course	Year 2, semester 3
Course Volume	3 ECTS 90 hours 28 hours of class work 62 hours of self-study and consultations
Form of final control	Credit (passed - A, B, C, D, E, failed - F)
Course language	English
Developers	Myronenko Tetyana, PhD, V.O. Sukhomlynskyi National University of Mykolaiv
Brief Course Description (up to 2000 symbols)	
<p>The course “General Political Discourse of the English Language” is designed for BA students whose specialty is Secondary Education (English Language and Literature). The prerequisites of the Course introducing are the following courses: Practical Course of English, English Grammar, English Phonetics.</p> <p>The course “General Political Discourse of the English Language” is one of the elective disciplines of future English teachers professional training. The study of the discipline is aimed at acquainting students with the basic concepts of linguistic strategies of English political discourse and media literacy by developing students' critical thinking skills for further application in professional life. The course is dedicated to the study of strategies and tactics that are realized in the English political discourse by means of a definite set of stylistic devices and expressive means. The materials and tasks used meet all modern requirements, meet the level of training of students and are authentic.</p> <p>Method of instruction: The teaching of this discipline is based on a combination of lectures, practical classes and various forms of independent work of students on the basis of blended learning.</p> <p>Course requirements: students are expected to attend classes on a regular basis, complete readings before each class, and be fully prepared for class discussion (with presentations, case studies, completed assignments, questions and contributions).</p> <p>The course employs CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) approach where the subject is taught in English with the focus on both the content and the language.</p>	

The course is updated in terms of the Erasmus+ Project 610427-EE-2019-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP Foreign Language Teacher Training Capacity Development as a Way to Ukraine's Multilingual Education and European Integration (MultiEd).

New, Updated, and Modified Components

Assessment and Feedback Approach
 Course Quality Monitoring
 Teaching and Learning Methods
 Literature and References

A. Key Terms and Notions

Critical thinking, discourse, expressive means, media literacy, manipulation, politics, style, stylistic devices

B. Course Aim

The course aims at formation critical thinking skills in the process of English political discourse analysis to interpret concepts and ideas obtained from open sources

C. Competencies

Generic competencies	ability to communicate in a second language; capacity to learn and stay up-to-date with learning; ability to work in a team; ability to be critical and self-critical, to express and communicate own opinion; knowledge and understanding of the subject area and understanding of the profession; ability to evaluate and maintain the quality of work produced.
Specific competencies	identify linguistic units, the relations among them and processes affecting them; awareness of the relationship between the theoretical approaches and methodological practice; ability to reflect on one's own values and to question concepts, ideas and theories.

D. Learning Outcomes

LSEPD 1	to employ knowledge about English history and political system with socio-cultural characteristics of norms of behavior and speech etiquette
LSEPD 2	to be able to demonstrate an understanding of the basic theories and key concepts of English political discourse analysis
LSEPD 3	to comprehend, analyse and interpret the author's utterance according to emotiveness and expressiveness
LSEPD 4	to be able to communicate efficiently in different settings employing various lexical, syntactic and stylistic means
LSEPD 5	to be able to reflect on personal progress, choose learning strategies, apply strategies for self-improvement
LSEPD 6	to improve collaboration skills, to use the acquired skills in order to operate confidently in international and / or multilingual communities

Assessment and feedback approach

Teacher-based approach

Type of work, activity, task	Max points	Extra information
The student's participation in: – class and/or online discussions;	Total 25 (5*45)	Feedback is given regularly during the classes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - independent work - individual work - work in Moodle 		
Test	Total 15 (3*5)	During the course at the end of each Module A test online consists of 10 questions with the four variants of the answer. Each correct answer equals 0,5 point. Questions represent theoretical and practical issues introduced within the course. Explanation for every question is embedded in the test automatic feedback.
Peer assessment		
Presentation	30 (3*10)	*3 during the course (Module 1,2,3) Delivering a 10-minute oral presentation. Can be done in small groups. Written/oral feedback is given after the presentation.
Course Final Assessment		
Type of work, activity, task	Max points	Extra information
Essay	30	A comprehensive essay on the course theme subject up to 250 words. Relevance to the topic, correct introduction, logically connected paragraphs, conclusion, original ideas and correct grammar.
Total:	100	

Criteria / Points	Assessment Criteria for Presentation (PPT) – (10 points)			
	Descriptors			
	10 Excellent	7 Good	5 Satisfactory	3 Unsatisfactory
Content	The content fully meets the objectives of the task	The presentation is coherent and covers the main tasks, but the conclusions are not clearly defined	The content of the presentation does not fully cover the task, though it is relevant to the main goal	The project is not coherent, the goals and conclusions are missing
Language	The presentation is well delivered (clear, accurate and well-organized speech) with a wide range of advanced grammatical constructions and advanced vocabulary	Students use a wide range of advanced grammatical constructions, vocabulary is advanced with some minor grammatical, pronunciation mistakes	Students use simple grammatical constructions and vocabulary, making minor mistakes	Students use simple grammatical constructions and vocabulary, making major mistakes
Structure	Logical and coherent presentation of the topic: information has a logical structure, flows from one section to another, and can be easily followed and understood.	The information is logically structured, successfully used charts, audio, video and visual effects with minor timing mistakes	The information is structured, charts, audio, video and visual effects are used, but not logically	The information is not well-structured, charts, audio, video and visual effects are not used

	Successful use of charts, audio, video and visual effects			
Research	Profound research relevant to the topic with up-to-date resources used, it is presented adhering to the principles of academic integrity	Research relevant to the topic, though some contemporary resources are missing with minor mistakes in their presentation	Basic research relevant to the topic with minor mistakes in their presentation	Elementary research based on a limited number of resources with major mistakes in their presentation
	*2 – the work does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors given above *0 – the work has not been done			
Criteria / Points	Assessment Criteria for Essay (30 points)			
	Descriptors			
	30 Excellent	22 Good	14 Satisfactory	6 Unsatisfactory
Content	Relevance to the topic. Substantial, specific and illustrative content demonstrating strong development and sophisticated ideas	Sufficiently developed content with adequate elaboration or explanation	Limited content with inadequate elaboration or explanation	Superficial or limited content
Language	Use precise language, varied sentence beginnings, and varied sentence patterns to express ideas. Precise, illustrative use of variety of words. Evident control of grammar, mechanics and spelling	Generic use of variety of words. Sufficient control of grammar, mechanics and spelling	Limited use of variety of words. Limited control of grammar, mechanics and spelling	Minimal use of variety of words. Minimal control of grammar, mechanics and spelling
Structure	Correct introduction, logically connected paragraphs, conclusion, original ideas. Sophisticated arrangement of content with evident and subtle transition	Paragraphs are logically connected with functional arrangement of content that sustains a logical order with some evidence of transition	The paragraphs are structured but not logically with confused or inconsistent arrangement of content with attempts at transition	Minimal control of content arrangement and sentence structure
Research	Profound research relevant to the topic with up-to-date resources adhering to the principles of academic integrity.	Research relevant to the topic, though some contemporary resources are missing with minor mistakes	Basic research relevant to the topic with minor mistakes	Elementary research based on a limited number of resources with major mistakes
	*5 – the work does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors given above *0 – the work has not been done			

Course Quality Monitoring

1. Syllabus feedback from internal and external (peer-)reviewers
2. Feedback from enrolled students
3. Students' performance in the course